

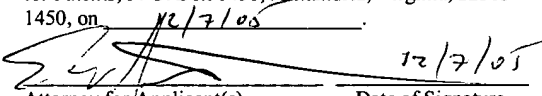
REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated August 12, 2005. The Summary indicates that the action is non-final. However, page 5 of the Office Action indicates finality. Applicant believes the Office Action is non-final since this is the first Office Action after Applicant filed an RCE with amended claims. However, Applicant requests verification from the Examiner that the Office Action dated August 12, 2005 is non-final.

This Office Action rejected claims 22-41 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,507,950 issued to Tsukidate ("Tsukidate") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,298,482 issued to Seidman ("Seidman"). Applicant has cancelled claims 22-41 without prejudice in favor of newly added claims 42-57. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

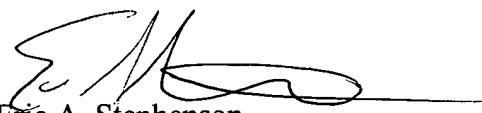
Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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